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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TWB-204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,  
CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday October 8, Joel Lubin, and I, representing AT&T, had a telephone conversation with Matthew Brill, Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy's Legal Advisor. We discussed issues raised in the aforementioned Universal Service proceeding. We discussed AT&T's support for the "per connection, collect and remit mechanism" proposed by COSUS to be implemented April 1, 2002 to replace the six month retrospective percentage revenue assessment mechanism currently in place. We also discussed how telephone numbers could be utilized in place of connections in the context of the COSUS proposal April 1 as suggested in the Ad Hoc Telecommunications Users Committee proposal filed in this proceeding on October 3, 2002 and whether such a telephone number -based plan would better address some of the jurisdictional issues raised by other parties in this proceeding. We discussed some of the operational difficulties of implementing a telephone number approach by April 1, 2003 but reiterated our overall support to reform the current mechanism by April 1, 2003.

Consistent with Commission rules, I am filing one electronic copy of this notice and request that you place it in the record of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert W. Quinn, Jr.".

cc: Matt Brill